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FACT SHEET

Kabul City Initiative (KCI)

OVERVIEW

The Kabul City Initiative (KCI), begun in November 2010, provides technical and material support to the Kabul Municipality. The three-year project works in close partnership with Kabul's mayor and municipal staff, to enhance the capacities of Kabul Municipality's administration and management functions.

KCI aims to provide effective responsive service delivery through Kabul Municipality departments and offices, and to improve the long-term sustainability and financial viability of the Kabul Municipality. As a result of KCI's activities, Kabul residents and business owners will share a renewed confidence in their local government's ability to provide improved municipal services, understand the responsibilities of their municipal leaders, and play an active role in the municipal decision-making process.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **Capacity building component:** Work with the mayor and his administration to implement a Municipal Management and Capacity Building Improvement Plan complete with standard operating procedures, and provide core public administration training to municipal line staff
- **Service delivery component:** Rehabilitate and equip city offices and service centers; execute small-scale infrastructure improvements such as parks, recreation facilities, roads, sidewalks, solid waste collection facilities, and street amenities
- **Revenue collection and financial accountability component:** Work with the Kabul Municipality to improve accounting, budgeting, and financial management functions and improve the Land Tax Register

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed a baseline public opinion survey and developed a Municipal Management and Capacity Building Improvement Plan after conducting an organizational management audit involving over 130 senior municipal officials
- Supported a city-sponsored Women's Day in March 2011, which included activities that provided information on home composting, recycling, and the use of reusable shopping bags
- Obtained copyright permission from the Project Management Institute (PMI) to translate their training manual into Dari for use in training city staff and creation of a PMI chapter at Kabul Municipality
- Developed and conducted a feasibility study for a new restricted right-of-way bus rapid transit system
- Planted more than 5,000 tree saplings throughout Kabul City
- Identified more than 25 km of city streets for repaving and/or rehabilitation in 2011
- Improved the facilities at greenery, sanitation, and streets departments
- Established a new landfill composting facility
- Created a new Chart of Accounts for the city, as well as an Afghan-developed, Dari- and Pashto-capable computerized Financial Management Information System (FMIS) for the City's Finance Department
- Developed computer training centers at KMC, and greenery, sanitation, streets and urban planning departments
- Developed more than 22 new sport courts throughout the city's 22 districts, in addition to major and minor park renovations